



# Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

Yes

No

**ECAF:** 2024-1614

**Motion:** 24-297

**Type:**

- Contract
- Board Appt.
- Code Amendment
- Budget Action
- Other

**Requested Handling:**

- Normal
- Expedite
- Urgent

**Fund Source:**

- General Fund
- Other
- N/A

**Executive Rec:**

- Approve
- Do Not Approve
- N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

- Yes
- No
- N/A

**Subject:** Amendment No. 1 to Contract for Tuberculosis Care Activities

**Scope:** Snohomish County contracts with Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH, to serve as a Tuberculosis (TB) Medical Officer for the County. Under the terms of the contract, Dr. Spitters coordinates care for patients with active or latent TB and provides technical consultation to the Health Department TB program. The original contract was executed on October 3, 2023, and authorizes \$50,000 in annual expenditure. This contract is set to expire on September 30, 2024.

**Requested Handling:** Amendment No. 1 extends the contract period until September 30, 2027, and increases the not to exceed amount to \$200,000. No more than \$50,000 may be expended in any 12-month period. Snohomish County will pay the contractor an hourly rate of \$130 per hour with an annual increase of 4%.

**Duration:** October 3, 2023, until September 30, 2027, and may renewed for an additional 4 years.

**Fiscal Impact:**  Current Year  Future-Year  N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Fund 125	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		\$200,000
						0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

Revenue	Current Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
						0
						0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Authority Granted:** Motion 24-297 authorizes the County Executive to sign Amendment No. 1 to the contract with Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH, for physician services.

**Background:** The Snohomish County Health Department [Tuberculosis Program](#) actively seeks out and offers testing to people who have been exposed to TB. From 2018-2022, there were [123 cases](#) of TB in Snohomish County. Refugee health screenings include testing for TB<sup>1</sup> and 80% of screenings in Snohomish County are completed within 90 days of arrival to the United States.

<sup>1</sup> [Refugee Health | Snohomish County Health Department, WA \(snohd.org\)](#)

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In accordance with RCW 70.28.031<sup>2</sup>, each Health Officer is directed to use every available means to ascertain the existence of, and immediately to investigate, all reported or suspected cases of tuberculosis in the infectious stages within his or her jurisdiction and to ascertain the sources of such infections. In carrying out such investigations, each Health Officer is invested with full powers of inspection, examination, treatment, and quarantine or isolation of all persons known to be infected with tuberculosis in an infectious stage or persons who have been previously diagnosed and are under medical orders for treatment or periodic follow-up examinations. Any orders pursuant to RCW 70.28.031 are made by the Health Officer or his or her Tuberculosis Control Officer.

**Requested Action:** Move to the GLS Agenda for Council consideration.

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<sup>2</sup> [RCW 70.28.031: Powers and duties of health officers. \(wa.gov\)](#)